

**CITY OF NEWPORT, KY
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 18, 2021, 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Guidugli, in the Multipurpose Room of the Newport Municipal Building, 998 Monmouth Street, on Monday October 18, 2021, 7:00 PM.

In Attendance: Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr., Vice Mayor Frank Peluso, Commissioner Beth Fennell, Commissioner Jerry Peluso, Commissioner Ken Rehtin.

Others Present: City Manager Thomas Fromme, Assistant City Manager Larisa Sims, Chief of Police Christopher Fangman, Chief of Fire Frank Peluso, City Attorney Dan Braun, City Clerk Janie Patterson, Project Manager Doug Roell, Historic Preservation Officer Scott Clark.

PERSONNEL ORDERS

COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2021-085

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, PROMOTING LIEUTENANT JOHN F. SHIELDS TO THE POSITION OF BATTALION CHIEF IN THE NEWPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2021

Vice Mayor Frank Peluso made a motion to approve R-2021-085; Commissioner Beth Fennell offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso Yes
Commissioner Ken Rehtin Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2021-083

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, APPOINTING TIMOTHY BAILEY TO THE POSITION OF FIRE/MEDIC GRADE 1 IN THE NEWPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 8, 2021

Commissioner Beth Fennell made a motion to approve R-2021-083; Commissioner Ken Rehtin offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso Yes
Commissioner Ken Rehtin Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2021-084

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, APPOINTING PETER WESTHOFF TO THE POSITION OF FIRE/MEDIC GRADE 1 IN THE NEWPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 8, 2021

Vice Mayor Frank Peluso made a motion to approve R-2021-084; Commissioner Ken Rehtin offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell Yes

Commissioner Jerry Peluso Yes

Commissioner Ken Rehtin Yes

Vice Mayor Frank Peluso Yes

Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. R-2021-082

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY APPOINTING LAUREN O'BRIEN TO THE POSITION OF FULL TIME EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2021

Commissioner Beth Fennell made a motion to approve R-2021-082; Commissioner Ken Rehtin offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell Yes

Commissioner Jerry Peluso Yes

Commissioner Ken Rehtin Yes

Vice Mayor Frank Peluso Yes

Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

PRESENTATIONS, AWARDS, PROCLAMATIONS

Police Department Retirement Recognition for 20 Years of Service, Todd Suszek

Recess/Break

Mayor Guidugli requested a short break to take pictures at approximately 7:17 PM. The Board reconvened at 7:28 PM.

Roll Call: Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr., Vice Mayor Frank Peluso, Commissioner Beth Fennell, Commissioner Jerry Peluso, Commissioner Ken Rehtin. All Present.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

PUBLIC FORUM

- Newport City Resident Frank Wray, Resides at 637 Monroe Street, Representing East Row Historic District – Requested cliff note version of ordinances be made available to the public.
- Charles Williams, Vice President of West Side Citizens Coalition – Requested lighting improvements at the Bernadette Watkins Park.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE O-2021-015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY AMENDING SECTION 93.63(A) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING OUTDOOR DINING AND SEATING

Mayor Guidugli Jr. made a motion to table due to work that still needs to be done.

Vice Mayor Frank Peluso made a motion to table; Commissioner Beth Fennell offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso Yes
Commissioner Ken Rehtin Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE O-2021-016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY AMENDING SECTION 31.45 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING PERSONNEL POSITIONS IN THE FIRE/EMT DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Beth Fennell made a motion to approve O-2021-016; Vice Mayor Frank Peluso offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso Yes
Commissioner Ken Rehtin Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE O-2021-017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT KENTUCKY AMENDING SECTION 111.05 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING REGISTRATION OF EMPLOYEES IN ESTABLISHMENTS LICENSED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Comments

- City Manager Thomas Fromme Commented – It requires security personnel to have an ID and requires owners to report who their current employees are.

Commissioner Beth Fennell made a motion to approve O-2021-017; Commissioner Ken Rehtin offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso Yes
Commissioner Ken Rehtin Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE O-2021-018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY AMENDING SECTION 33.23 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CONCERNING QUALIFICATION FOR FIRE/EMS CHIEF

Commissioner Ken Rehtin made a motion to approve O-2021-018; Vice Mayor Frank Peluso offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso Yes
Commissioner Ken Rehtin Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSIONERS ORDER R-2021-086

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FT. THOMAS REGARDING A COST SHARING ARRANGEMENT FOR THE SURVEYING, ENGINEERING AND COMPLETE MILLING AND RESURFACING OF THE PORTION OF WATERWORKS ROAD LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY

Comments

- Project Manager Doug Roell Commented – This is for the resurfacing of Waterworks Road. Fort Thomas was already scheduled to do Waterworks Road from Memorial Parkway down to their City limits. Newport's section of Waterworks Road was on the list to be paved this current year. Fort Thomas bid it out, but we reviewed the bids together. Eaton Asphalt was the winning bidder. The price for Newport is around \$215,000 but could go up depending on the full depth of repairs needed. SD1 is going to do sewer work in two to five years, but Newport thought it best to move forward because SD1 couldn't give an exact time frame of when work would start, and our City engineer recommended we move forward.

- Upon inquiry from Commissioner Beth Fennell, Mr. Roell also commented other water related issues have been resolved.

Vice Mayor Frank Peluso made a motion to approve R-2021-086; Commissioner Beth Fennell offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell Yes
 Commissioner Jerry Peluso Yes
 Commissioner Ken Rehtin Yes
 Vice Mayor Frank Peluso Yes
 Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDER R-2021-087

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER THOMAS J. FROMME TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH TALENT MAGNET INSTITUTE INC FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT'S JOB DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM (JDIP) PURSUANT TO SECTION 37.212 ET. SEQ. OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

Comments

- Assistant City Manager Larisa Sims Commented – Talent Magnet Institute came to us with a request for an incentive. They already have five employees and project in the next five to six years growing as big as 50 – 60 employees. We are excited to have them and to keep them and hopefully offer them the 40 percent rebate and payroll taxes for the JDIP program. As they continue to grow, they may either have to branch off or relocate to a different location in Newport, and we are happy to help them.

Vice Mayor Frank Peluso made a motion to approve R-2021-087; Commissioner Ken Rehtin offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell Yes
 Commissioner Jerry Peluso Yes
 Commissioner Ken Rehtin Yes
 Vice Mayor Frank Peluso Yes
 Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCE O-2021-019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, KENTUCKY CLOSING AND VACATING PART OF AN UNNAMED ALLEY IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Comments

- City Manager Thomas Fromme Commented – We have a request from a resident about closing it off. The legal staff has done research, and since she owns both adjacent properties on either side of the alley there is no objection to her request.
- City Attorney Dan Braun commented in response to inquiry from Commissioner Beth Fennell – We wouldn't be permitted to close it if we alienated the property. There is a paper street of record in the plat book and as this person owns the property on both sides by closing it, it will never be used as a street or built as one which would be next to impossible anyway. It is clearing up the old record that we want to close it as a paper street and allow this property to succeed to the ownership of the adjacent property owner which is the same on both sides. Thus, we don't have to file suit in court to do it and can just do it by agreement which is what this ordinance accomplishes.

Commissioner Ken Rechtin made a motion to approve O-2021-019; Commissioner Beth Fennell offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell Yes
Commissioner Jerry Peluso Yes
Commissioner Ken Rechtin Yes
Vice Mayor Frank Peluso Yes
Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

- Historic Preservation Officer Scott Clark Commented – The Rides on Monmouth Event was a great opportunity to showcase our historic central business district.
- Assistant City Manager Larisa Sims Commented – We have the Comprehensive Plan Open House, next Tuesday, October 26, 5:30 – 7:00 PM. There will be a brief presentation at 6:00 to go over high-level information. The next step will be a formal public hearing on Tuesday, November 16, for the Comprehensive Plan in front of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- City Manager Thomas Fromme Commented – The upcoming Board of Commissioner Meeting agendas and ordinances to be discussed are available for review on the City Website prior to meetings.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

- Vice Mayor Frank Peluso – Congratulated the success of Wheels on Monmouth and recognized Bev Holiday for the hard work she put into it.
- Commissioner Beth Fennell – Commented there was a lot of excitement around Wheels on Monmouth and thanked everyone for putting it together.

- Commissioner Jerry Peluso – Thanked everyone for their team work to put together the Wheels on Monmouth event.
- Commissioner Ken Rehtin –
 - Commented the car show was fantastic.
 - There are people working for Duke Energy inside the City who may be digging in vacant properties.
 - Recognized and expressed his thanks to the new Fire Chief, Frank Peluso for his work and involvement in the City.
 - Gave condolences for Steve Goetz and recognized some of the many highlights of his life and his work and dedication to the City of Newport.
- Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. – Publicly thanked everyone for their hard work putting together the Car show and highlighted Bev Holiday, Captain Kunkle, and the many volunteers.


ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Beth Fennell made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:10 PM; Vice Mayor Frank Peluso offered a second to the motion. The Mayor called for a vote:

Commissioner Beth Fennell Yes
 Commissioner Jerry Peluso Yes
 Commissioner Ken Rehtin Yes
 Vice Mayor Frank Peluso Yes
 Mayor Thomas Guidugli Jr. Yes
Motion Carried 5-0

11-15-2021

Date Approved/Signed


 THOMAS L. GUIDUGLI JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:


 JANIE PATTERSON, CITY CLERK